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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. Nos. AMS-DA-11-0061; DA-11-06]

Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection for Export/Health Certificate Forms

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for export certificate request forms for dairy products. There are currently 17 different export certificate request forms for dairy products with more expected as negotiations continue with more countries.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 4, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Office of the Deputy Administrator, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Room 2968-S, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20090-6465 or may be submitted at the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page of issue in the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the above address or at www.regulations.gov. The identity of the individuals or entities submitting comments will be made public.

Additional Information: Contact Kenneth Vorgert, USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs, Dairy Grading Branch, 2150 Western Court, Suite 100, Lisle, IL

60532-1973; Tel: 630-437-5037, Fax: 630-437-5037 or via email at: ken.vorgert@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Export Health Certificate Request Forms.

OMB Numbers: 0581-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.

Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: The dairy grading program is a voluntary user fee program authorized under the Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627). The regulations governing inspection and grading services of manufactured or processed dairy products are contained in 7 CFR part 58. International markets are increasing for United States dairy products. Importing countries are requiring certification as to production methods and sources of raw ingredients for dairy products. USDA, AMS, Dairy Grading Branch is the designated agency for issuing sanitary certificates for dairy products in the United States. Exporters must request export certificates from USDA, AMS, Dairy Grading Branch if the importing country requires them.

Need and Use of the Information: In order for AMS to provide the required information on the export sanitary certificates it must collect the information from the exporter. The information required on the sanitary certificates varies from country to country requiring specific forms for each country to collect the information. Such information includes: identity of the importer and exporter; consignment specifics and border entry point at the country of destination. There are currently 16 different export certificate request forms with ongoing negotiations with at least 5 more countries on possible new sanitary certificates. The information gathered using these forms is only used to create the export sanitary certificate.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to average 0.16 hour per request.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of respondents: 250.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 15,000.

Estimated Average number of responses per respondent: 60.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,400 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate on the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 28, 2012.

Robert C. Keeney,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2012-0009]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is announcing that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold a meeting of the full Committee by an audio conference call that is open to the public on March 28, 2012. The Committee will discuss: Food Safety Questions from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service to Support Ground Beef Purchase for the Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Specifically NACMCF will address food safety questions to assist the 2012-2013 ground beef purchase for the School Lunch Program on microbiological criteria, pathogen

testing methodology, and sampling plans.

DATES: The full Committee will hold a meeting by phone conference on Wednesday March 28, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. E.S.T.

ADDRESSES: The March 28, 2012, meeting will be held by phone. Please contact Karen Thomas-Sharp at the address below to register for the meeting:

USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, Stop 3777, Patriots Plaza 3, Floor 9-47, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250, or by phone (202) 690-6620, fax (202) 690-6334, or email: Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov.

All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, USDA, at Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E. Street SW., Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Federal_Register_Notices/index.asp.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons interested in registering to attend the meeting, making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the March 28, plenary session should contact Karen Thomas-Sharp, phone (202) 690-6620, fax (202) 690-6334, email: Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring special accommodations for this phone conference (voice and TTY) should notify Ms. Thomas-Sharp by March 1, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available on the FSIS Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Charter/.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria, as well as the review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Dr. Elisabeth A. Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Mr. Michael Landa, Acting Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Ms. Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

Documents Reviewed by NACMCF

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Done at Washington, DC, on February 28, 2012.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Salmon-Challis National Forest, Butte, Custer and Lemhi Counties, ID, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to the 2009 Salmon-Challis National Forest Travel Planning and OHV Route Designation Project Final EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Salmon-Challis National Forest announces its intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) and revised record of decision (ROD) to the 2009 Salmon-Challis National Forest Travel Planning and OHV Route Designation Project FEIS and ROD as ordered by the District Court of Idaho in a February 4, 2011, memorandum decision and order. The order was filed in response to a January 22, 2010, complaint from The Wilderness Society and the Idaho Conservation League challenging the 2009 decision. Supplemental analysis to correct deficiencies identified by the Court could change the designation of some routes and areas currently open for motor vehicle use and/or change the types of motor vehicle uses and/or seasonal open periods allowed on roads, trails and areas authorized under the 2009 Travel Plan. Any motor vehicle route designation changes resulting from new or supplemental analysis would be documented in a revised record of decision in addition to Court ordered instructions to clarify that a minimum road system determination has not been made (as stated in the original ROD).

DATES: Scoping will not be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4). The draft supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in early September 2012 and the final supplemental environmental impact statement is expected in late December 2012. There will be a 45-day comment period after the draft supplemental environmental impact statement is issued.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Frank Guzman, Forest Supervisor, 1206 South Challis Street, Salmon, Idaho 83467. Comments may also be sent via email to comments-intermtn-salmon-challis@fs.fed.us or by facsimile to 208-756-5151.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Gallogly, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at kgallogly@fs.fed.us or (208) 756-5103.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need for the Salmon-Challis National Forest Travel Planning and OHV Designation Project Supplemental EIS is to clarify and revise sections of the analysis conducted for the original 2009 FEIS to correct deficiencies identified by the District Court of Idaho in their February 4, 2011, memorandum decision and order and determine if changes to motor vehicle route designations made in the 2009 ROD are warranted based on supplemental analysis.

To correct the deficiencies, there is a need to (1) analyze the cumulative impacts of multiple short motor vehicle routes on wilderness values and roadless characteristics in Recommended Wilderness Areas (RWAs) and Idaho Roadless Areas (IRAs) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The cumulative effects of multiple routes less than one-half mile in length in RWAs and IRAs were not analyzed in the 2009 FEIS because it was thought the "intrusions into roadless areas were minimally intrusive and not likely to affect wilderness values". The Court rejected this rationale; (2) demonstrate how the Forest Service applied criteria for the designation of roads, trails and areas with the objective of minimizing damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, and other forest resources; harassment of wildlife and significant disruptions of wildlife habitats; conflicts between motor vehicle uses and existing or proposed recreational uses of National Forest System lands or neighboring Federal lands; and conflicts among different classes of motor vehicle uses of National Forest System lands or neighboring Federal lands in compliance with section 212.55 of the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.55); (3) respond to Plaintiff's site-specific comments raised during the

legal comment period for the Draft EIS to comply with the NEPA, and (4) include specific language in the revised ROD to clarify a minimum road system determination was not made in the 2009 Travel Plan decision.

Proposed Action

(1.) Analyze the cumulative effects of multiple routes less than one-half mile in length in RWAs and IRAs to wilderness values and roadless characteristics and determine if motor vehicle route designation changes to the 2009 Travel Plan are warranted based on supplemental analysis. 103 routes less than one-half mile in length, totaling 14.91 miles within 24 IRAs and RWAS were identified in the 2009 FEIS; however the cumulative impacts of these routes were not considered. Errors regarding the number and length of all routes in RWAs and IRAs have been identified since 2009. An analysis of effects of all routes in RWAs and IRAs would be conducted and disclosed in the SEIS. Thirty-seven routes totaling 6.68 miles within RWAs and IRAs were inadvertently overlooked and associated effects were not analyzed or disclosed in the 2009 FEIS. Of these 37 routes, 29 are less than one-half mile in length totaling 3.21 miles. These will be included in the supplemental analysis of cumulative effects of routes less than one-half mile in length. Thirteen routes totaling 2.80 miles were designated for use in the 2009 ROD; however these routes did not meet safety specifications or were causing resource damage and were not delineated on the Motor Vehicle Use Map. (2.) Explain how the Forest Service applied the minimization criteria to 2009 motor vehicle route designations to comply with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.55) and determine if motor vehicle route designation changes are warranted. (3.) Respond to Plaintiffs site specific comments for 113 routes provided during the legal comment period for the DEIS and determine if route designation changes are warranted. Plaintiff's provided monitoring information, photographs and descriptive comments for 113 routes proposed for designated motor vehicle use. Reconsideration of these comments, evaluation of road and trail maintenance, and application of the minimization criteria could change route designations in the revised ROD. (4.) Prepare a Revised ROD documenting any motor vehicle route designations made as a result of supplemental analysis and include language that a minimum road system determination was not made in the 2009 decision.